



## **RESPONSIBLE REFORM** **FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS** DEMOCRATS.SENATE.GOV/REFORM

### **the District of Columbia: The Cost of Inaction**

#### **District of Columbia Families Suffer**

##### **District of Columbia insurance premiums skyrocket**

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$6,050.
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$12,262.
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,851, a 103 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 44.3 percent of projected the District of Columbia median family income.

##### **More uninsured Washingtonians**

- ✓ Every day, 40 Washingtonians lose their health insurance.
- ✓ During the last two years, 146,000 Washingtonians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 28.4 percent of the under 65 population.
- ✓ In 2007, 60,803 Washingtonians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 11.6 percent of the under 65 population.

#### **District of Columbia Businesses Suffer**

##### **Fewer Washingtonians have health coverage at work**

- ✓ In 2002, 60.6 percent of Washingtonians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance.
- ✓ In 2007, 58.6 percent of Washingtonians had coverage through their employer.

#### **District of Columbia Economy Suffers**

##### **Health care spending climbs**

- ✓ In 2004, the District of Columbia spent \$4.8 billion on health care.
- ✓ This spending level represents \$8,295 per capita, and is 8.1 percent of the Gross State Product.

##### **Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health**

- ✓ This year, the the District of Columbia economy will lose \$200 million - \$430 million due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured.